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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 9378

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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

CINCPAC HONOLULU

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 20066

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, PFOR, TH, (KITTIKACHON, FIELD MARSHAL THANOM)

SUBJECT: THANOM RETURNS TO THAILAND - SITREP AS OF 1245 LOCAL TIME

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1. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTERS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAKOP HUTASING ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 27, THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER FIELD MARSHAL THANOM KITTIKACHON ARRIVED UNANNOUNCED AT DON MUANG AIRPORT AT 0400 HOURS LOCAL TIME VIA LUFTHANSA AIRLINES. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT HAS IT THAT AIR CHIEF MARSHAL BUNCHU CHANDRUBEKSA, FORMER RTAF CHIEF, MET THANOM AND SAW HIM SAFELY THROUGH IMMIGRATION. PRAKOP IS TRYING TO NOTIFY PRIME MINISTER SANYA (WHO IS OUT OF TOWN) AND IS CONVENING AN EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.

2. ACCORDING TO THE CONFLICTING INFORMATION WE HAVE, THANOM IS EITHER STAYING AT DON MUANG OR AT HIS OLD
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RESIDENCE ON SOI RANONG II. WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE "WAS

TAKEN" TO PRIME MINISTER SANYA'S HOUSE EARLIER THIS MORNING, BUT FOUND SANYA NOT AT HOME. THE POLICE ARE IN THE DARK AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS, AS FAR AS WE KNOW.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND (NSCT) MAY BE TRYING TO MUSTER A PROTEST RALLY.

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, WE ARE STATING CATEGORICALLY THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THANOM'S DEPARTURE FROM THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL DECLINE TO SPECULATE IF ASKED ABOUT THANOM'S POSSIBLE RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.
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